

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles Musserlian on May 20, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 line 23 "the running contact surfaces." is replaced by

---the running contact surfaces;
wherein the annular collar is cut off in step d) such that, in addition to the running contact surfaces of the arms, a finger-like extension remains on the crossbar comprising the cavity, which extension extends longitudinally away from the crossbar and is subsequently bent over so as to project from the upper side of the crossbar.---

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 7 line 1 "A method of claim 2 wherein step d)" is replaced by ---A method of claim 1, wherein step d)---

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Examiner's best art, Calka (US Patent 5,720,245), Trutescu et al (US Patent 5,819,694), Okubo et al (US Patent 6,588,101), Okubo et al (US Patent 6,508,215), Okubo et al (US Patent 6,601,555), Nozaki et al (US Patent 7,360,290) and KENKICHI (Japanese Patent

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